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1. INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (IMDI) PRESIDENT EUGENE BRADLEY HAD SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO ON MAY 31. INTERVIEW WAS PART OF A SERIES THAT IMDI HAS CONDUCTED WITH OTHER PRESIDENTS OR CHIEFS OF STATE. LOPEZ PORTILLO INTERVIEW, WHICH LASTED ONE HOUR, WAS CONDUCTED IN PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE AT LOS PINOS. DURING INFORMAL AND CORDIAL DISCUSSION PRESIDENT COVERED A VARIETY OF TOPICS OF RELEVANCE TO US-MEXICAN RELATIONS. USIS, WHICH PROVIDED AUDIO RECORDING FACILITIES AND PHOTOGRAPHER, HAS PREPARED INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE TEXT THAT EMBASSY WILL POUCH TO OFFICE OF MEXICAN AFFAIRS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. FOR INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE, FOLLOWING ARE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON US-MEXICAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING MENTION OF HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

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Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN US POLICY TOWARD MEXICO OR IN MEXICAN POLICY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE RECENT CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES?

A. YES, A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE. I HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR OF MEETING WITH MR. CARTER; I WAS HONORED TO BE THE FIRST FOREIGN HEAD OF STATE TO VISIT WASHINGTON (DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION) AND THE RESULTS OF THAT MEETING WERE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR US. WE WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS OUR PROBLEMS AND, FOLLOWING AN AGENDA AGREED UPON BY MR. CARTER AND MYSELF, A HIGH LEVEL WORKING GROUP -- AT THE SECRETARIAL LEVEL -- WILL DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO FIND SOLUTIONS. SEVERAL GROUPS WERE FORMED JUST LAST WEEK, SOME TO STUDY SO-CALLED POLITICAL PROBLEMS -- ON THE LEVEL OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN RELATIONS -- PROBLEMS OF BORDER DELIMITATION, PROBLEMS OF WATER, AGREEMENTS, ETC. ANOTHER GROUP IS STUDYING PROBLEMS WHICH WE HAVE LABELED SOCIAL; BASICALLY DRUG TRAFFICKING AND THE MOVEMENT OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. ANOTHER GROUP WILL STUDY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS -- FUNDAMENTALLY TRADE, FINANCES, TOURISM, ENERGY AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT -- UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE PART OF ONE PACKAGE. THERE ARE NO ISOLATED PROBLEMS; EVERYTHING IS PART OF EVERYTHING ELSE. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, WE WANT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS; WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROBLEM LIES IN MEXICO'S ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THIS WILL IM- PROVE IF WE ACHIEVE A BETTER BALANCE IN OUR VERY UN- FAVORABLE TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. TO THE EXTENT THAT THE U. S. BUYS MUCH OF WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, WE CAN PROVIDE WORK FOR MEXICANS IN MEXICO, AND MANY WILL NOT FEEL THE NECESSITY OF GOING TO THE U. S. TO LOOK FOR WORK WHICH THEY CANNOT FIND HERE, AND COULD HAVE, IF WE COULD SELL THE U. S. MORE OF OUR PRODUCTS TO BALANCE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LARGE AMOUNT WE BUY THERE. THIS ISSUE WAS VERY WELL UNDERSTOOD AND THE ATMOSPHERE IS EXCELLENT. JUST THIS MORNING I MET WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT CAME TO THE XVII INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING AND THE SAME SPIRIT PREVAILED IN OUR MEETING.

I SENSE A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN ATTITUDE, IN COMPREHENSION AND IN UNDERSTANDING AND I CAN SAY THAT I FELT THE PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP OF MR. CARTER.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COUNSEL FOR PRESIDENT CARTER ON U. S. POLICY IN GENERAL TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA? IS THERE ANY- THING SPECIFIC THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE?

A. WELL, WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH MR. CARTER ABOUT THIS BECAUSE HE WAS VERY OPEN WITH US. WE NOT ONLY DISCUSSED ISSUES RELATING TO MEXICO. INDEED WE EMPHASIZED TO HIM THAT MEXICO IS REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN LATIN AMERICA. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD THE IMPRESSION

THAT IN THE PAST THE U. S. FELT IT HAD ONLY TWO PROBLEMS  
IN LATIN AMERICA, PANAMA AND CUBA; BUT THERE WERE MANY  
PROBLEMS. FUNDAMENTALLY NUMBER ONE IS THE TRADE PROBLEM --  
WHICH IS, OF COURSE, HEIGHTENED IN THE CASE OF MEXICO BY  
OUR GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY -- WHICH ONE WOULD FIND EXISTS IN  
ALL THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA. THERE EXISTS A CON-  
TINUAL MIXTURE OF TRADE, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY PROBLEMS  
WHICH DEMANDS A COHERENT U. S. POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA,  
RECOGNIZING ON OUR PART THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO LATIN  
AMERICAN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE UNITED STATES AND,  
WHAT IS EVEN WORSE, NO LATIN AMERICAN POLICY WITH RESPECT  
TO OURSELVES (THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS.) FOR THESE  
REASONS, THERE IS NEED TO BRING ORDER TO THIS REGION

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AS A CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD ORDER BECAUSE IT IS A VERY  
CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A RICH AND  
POWERFUL COUNTRY -- THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD --  
AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AND, WE EVEN DARED TO  
SAY BEFORE THE CONGRESS THAT IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO BE  
POWERFUL BUT THAT IT WAS A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

Q. ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC THAT YOU'RE MOVING TOWARD THE KIND  
OF ECONOMIC ORDER AND PARTNERSHIP THAT WE NEED; IS MORE  
GOOD HAPPENING THAN BAD?

A. I FEEL THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. AT LEAST IT IS  
POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS IN THE APPROPRIATE FORA.

AT THIS TIME THERE IS A NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE UNDERWAY  
IN WHICH, AT LEAST, WE ARE LISTENING TO EACH OTHER AND  
DISCUSSING PROBLEMS. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE, PERHAPS NOT  
WITH THE SPEED THAT WE THE POOR WOULD LIKE, BUT WE ARE  
MOVING AHEAD. I FEEL THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS  
VERY MUCH AWARE OF THIS SITUATION AND IS TRYING TO MOVE IN  
THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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3. GB - ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IF  
YOU AGAIN VISIT MY COUNTRY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND IF MRS.  
LOPEZ PORTILLO COMES WITH YOU, OUR INSTITUTE - WHICH MEETS  
EVERY THREE MONTHS - BRINGS TOGETHER OUR CORPORATE,  
GOVERNMENT AND DIPLOMATIC ASSOCIATES. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS  
USUALLY MEET IN THE WHITE HOUSE OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT,  
AND THE WIVES GATHER IN ONE OF THE EMBASSIES. SHOULD MRS.  
LOPEZ PORTILLO WISH TO ADDRESS THE WIVES, I CAN'T TELL YOU  
HOW HONORED WOULD BE.

JLP - IT WOULD BE A GREAT PLEASURE. I AM SURE SHE WOULD  
BE VERY PLEASED TO DO SO. SHE HAS ALREADY HAD THE OP-  
PORTUNITY TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND I AM SURE THAT  
SHE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS WITH MRS. ROSALYNNE CARTER. IT  
WOULD BE A PLEASURE FOR HER TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AN  
EVENT. THOMPSON

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